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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BURMA

Telecommunication and Postal Training Centre, Rangoon (Phase II)
(BUR/78/007)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	May 1980
Starting date of project activities:	January 1980 (under advance authorization)
Planned completion date:	September 1983
To be executed by:	International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in association with the Universal Postal Union (UPU)
Government implementing agency:	Posts and Telecommunications Corporation (PTC) (Ministry of Transport and Communications)
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$1 976 100
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. In 1974, UNDP approved a first phase project (BUR/74/045)[1/], the purpose of which was to assist the Posts and Telecommunications Corporation in establishing a Telecommunication and Postal Training Centre in Rangoon. The Centre was to absorb the land, buildings, and other facilities of the then existing Posts and Telecommunications Training School. The project, which was implemented in 1977, is scheduled to terminate in the latter part of 1980.

2. The Phase II project will expand the scope and re-orient the training programme towards long-term training. This will include the updating of existing and the development

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of new courses that will make the training institution a source of the required trained manpower on a continuing basis.

II. Objectives and activities

3. The long-term objective of the project is to establish within the Posts and Telecommunications Corporation a viable and effective training capability which will be responsible not only to the current trading needs but also to the long term manpower requirements foreseen in the Corporation's development plans. To this end, the project will work to expand and strengthen the training activities and training capabilities of the Telecommunications and Postal Training Centre. The immediate objectives are to: (a) develop and implement a telecommunications training programme, including the training of 760 professional engineers and technicians according to the requirements of the Corporation; (b) establish appropriate training programmes for the Centre's instructors; (c) establish training courses in new fields related to the Corporation's development programme; and (d) establish a postal supervisor/management training programme.

III. Inputs

4. Under the assistance now approved UNDP will provide, through the Executing Agency, the services of a project manager and training experts in the following fields: switching; radio relay systems; television; telegraphy; electronic calibration; telecommunications management; and postal systems. In addition, UNDP will finance 74 man-months of fellowships in 12 fields. It will also provide training equipment.

IV. Financial data

5. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

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Personnel	906 700
Training	155 400
Equipment	900 000
Miscellaneous	14 000
	1 976 100

6. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of the inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $2,410,682 in kind.

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